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SUMMARY. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE MOST RECENT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE MLR (MOVIMIENTO LABORAL REVOLUCIONARIO) AND THE COMMUNIST-ORIENTED CGTP AT MARCONA. END SUMMARY.

1. IN A POWER PLAY DURING A DECEMBER 27 MINERS' UNION MEETING, A GROUP OF MINE WORKERS SYMPATHETIC TO THE MLR, APRA, AND A FACTION OF THEPERUVIAN COMMUNIST PARTY OUSTED THE LEADERS OF THE COMMUNIST-AFFILIATED CGTP MARCONA MINE WORKERS UNION HEADED BY MANUEL ORREGO CHUQUI. THE WORKERS SET UP A "REORGANIZATION COMMISSION" THAT VOWED TO HOLD NEW ELECTIONS TO ELECT NEW UNION LEADERS.

2. ON JANUARY 7, ORREGO, SUPPORTED BY A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 1000 PEOPLE, CALLED A MEETING IN THE WORKERS' LOCAL THAT DECLARED ORREGO ONCE AGAIN THE UNION HEAD, CONDEMNED THE REORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP AND CALLED FOR THE NATIONALIZATION OF MARCONA. ACCORDING TO MARCONA OFFICIALS IN LIMA, THE GROUP THAT VOTED ORREGA BACK INTO OFFICE JANUARY 7 WAS COMPOSED MAINLY OF NON-UNION MEMBERS, WOMEN, TEEN-AGERS, AND CURIOSITY-
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3. IN THIS MOST RECENT CLASH BETWEEN THE CGTP AND THE REORGANIZATION COMMISSION AT MARCONA, THE COMMUNIST-ORIENTED EXPRESO HAS BACKED THE ORREGO GROUP WHILE THE ANTI-COMMUNIST ULTIMA HORA HAS BACKED THE REORGANIZATION GROUP. MARCONA MINING HAS NOT OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED EITHER GROUP. THOUGH THEY MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH BOTH GROUPS, THEY HAVE REFUSED TO BE DRAWN INTO THE CONFLICT STATING THAT IT IS STRICTLY A "UNION MATTER".

4. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT THE REORGANIZATION GROUP WILL ALLOW MATTERS TO REST WITH ORREGA BACK IN THE UNION LEADERSHIP. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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